

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application, Claim 1 having been amended, and Claim 39 having been added. Support for new Claim 39 is found, for example, in original Claim 1. Accordingly, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and Claims 1-38 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,324.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant respectfully requests that the correspondence address for this application be updated in accordance with the Power of Attorney filed on March 4, 2005.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 1 is amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-39 are patentably distinct from the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,324. However, to expedite progress toward allowance, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith. Thus, Applicant submits the outstanding rejections of the claims have been overcome.

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Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and the previous discussion, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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